

To conclude :—Jehovah has graciously promised— ‘ In all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.’ Henceforth will His name be recorded in *this* place. And you possess the best guarantee that human precaution could suggest or legal guards afford, that by the succession of Ministers whom the British Conference may appoint to fill this pulpit, *the faith once delivered to the saints* shall be continuously exhibited, defended, and enforced,—unmutilated by human tradition, unobscured by the dogmas of superstition. Be it however remembered that, neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth, but God who giveth the increase. Without him, even under the most favoring auspices, we can do nothing. It is not by human might or power, but by the Spirit of the Lord, that the living trophies of the Cross are multiplied, that the true interests of the church advanced. How monitory is the prophetic announcement—‘ Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers ; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city ; because the palaces shall be forsaken ; the multitude of the city shall be left ; the forts and towers shall be dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks, *until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high*, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.’ O! then brethren, pray for us—pray for *yourselves*—that in this new sanctuary the word of the Lord—attended with a special unction, may have free course and be glorified.—‘ Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place : let thy Ministers, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness!’